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SUBJECT: TURKISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FEYZIOGLU'S VISIT TO  
CYPRUS

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1. TURKISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FEYZIOGLU AND TEAM OF  
TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS GOT MINISTRIES VISITED  
CYPRUS FEBRUARY 2-8 TO REVIEW ECONOMIC SITUATION IN TURKISH-  
CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS. DURING COURSE OF VISIT,  
INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH TURK CYPRIOT  
OFFICIALS, AND BUSINESS, LABOR, AND POLITICAL LEADERS,  
AND ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO PINPOINT ECONOMIC BOTTLENECKS AND  
FIND WAYS TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT. IN VARIOUS STATEMENTS,  
FEYZIOGLU STRESSED THAT TURKEY WANTED PEACEFUL CYPRUS SOLU-  
TION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES;  
CALLED FOR UNITY AMONG TURK CYPRIOTS; ASSERTED THAT  
TURKISH COMMUNITY WOULD ACHIEVE VICTORY IN ECONOMIC  
STRUGGLE JUST AS IT HAD IN THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE; AND  
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PROMISED THAT TURKEY WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO

HELP TURK CYPRIOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. FEYZIOGLU CONCLUDED VISIT WITH UPBEAT PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 7 IN WHICH HE SAID THAT DESPITE CONTINUING PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM WAR AND UPROOTING OF TURKISH POPULATION, GREAT DISTANCE HAD BEEN COVERED IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NORTH. AMONG DEVELOPMENTS HE CITED WERE: 1) ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR; 2) EXPANSION OF ERCAN AIRPORT RUNWAY TO 1840 METERS AND SCHEDULED COMPLETION IN MAY OF SECOND RUNWAY TO ACCOMMODATE ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT; 3) ESTABLISHMENT OF TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, AND TELEX SYSTEM; 4) REPAIR OF WATER PUMPS OF CITRUS GROVES; 5) AND INVESTMENTS IN ENERGY FIELD TOTALLING SEVERAL MILLION TURKISH LIRA.

3. FEYZIOGLU ALSO SAID AGRICULTURAL PICTURE HAD GREATLY IMPROVED. WATER PUMPS BEING REPAIRED; CITRUS AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTION WAS RISING; POTATO PRODUCTION HAD INCREASED FIVE-FOLD; AND NEW STEPS TO DEVELOP POULTRY, MEAT, AND FISH INDUSTRIES WOULD BE TAKEN SHORTLY. INDUSTRIAL REACTIVATION HAD ENCOURAGED GREAT DIFFICULTIES BUT SOME FACTORIES HAD BEEN PUT INTO OPERATION. SOME 60,000 TOURISTS, HE NOTED, HAD VISITED TFSC IN 1975 AND HOTEL TRAINING CENTER HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN KYRENIA.

4. BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES TO TRADE BETWEEN TURKEY AND TFSC WERE CITED AS A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FEYZIOGLU PROMISED THAT MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE TFSC TRADE WITH TURKEY AND THIRD COUNTRIES. TAX REBATE ON EXPORTS TO TFSC FROM TURKEY WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND TFSC WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE WITH TURKISH LIRA GOODS IMPORTED BY TURKEY WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

5. FEYZIOGLU VISIT PROMPTED STEADY STREAM OF CRITICISM OF DENKTASH ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY FROM OPPOSITION PRESS. HALKIN SESI AND BOZKURT BOTH ATTACKED CORRUPTION, FAVORITISM, INCOMPETENCE, AND

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SQUAND-  
ERING OF RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE FROM TURKEY AND CALLED FOR CHANGES IN DENKTASH CABINET. HALKIN SESI ALSO PRINTED OPEN LETTER TO FEYZIOGLU FROM ITS OWNER-PUBLISHER, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT KUCHUK, COMPLAINING THAT TURKISH COMMUNITY WAS SINKING DAILY "INTO DEEPER POVERTY AND MISERY" AND THAT ONLY FEYZIOGLU'S INVESTIGATIONS COULD PUT END TO THIS SITUATION CAUSED

BY THE "INDIFFERENCE, THE IRRESPONSIBILITY, AND THE  
MALADRIOTNESS OF THOSE IN POWER."

6. COMMENT: DETAILED CONCLUSIONS OF FEYZIOGLU TEAM'S  
ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT BY ALL  
ACCOUNTS HERE, VISIT PROVIDED OCCASION FOR USEFUL AND  
SOBER STOCK-TAKING OF TURKISH COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC  
PROBLEMS. TURKISH OBSERVERS HERE ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO  
FEYZIOGLU'S CALL FOR UNITY -- SYMBOLIZED BY THE  
INCLUSION OF OPPOSITION LEADERS AND DENKTASH CRITICS  
IN ECONOMIC REVIEW -- AND BELIEVE HIS ENCOURAGING WORDS  
ABOUT ULTIMATE ECONOMIC VICTORY AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED  
TO DATE WILL HELP TO PUT PRESENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES  
INTO PERSPECTIVE.

7. IN DISCUSSING FEYZIOGLU VISIT WITH AMBASSADOR  
FEBRUARY 10, TURKISH AMBASSADOR INHAN SAID VISIT MARKED  
FORMAL REALIZATION BY GOT THAT IT HAD MADE MANY MISTAKES  
IN ITS ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPROACH TO  
TURKISH ZONE OF CYPRUS SINCE 1974 INTERVENTION.  
MISTAKES HAD BEEN RESULT OF BELIEF THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS  
COULD RUN AN ADMINISTRATION MORE OR LESS ON THEIR OWN.  
NEW APPROACH, INHAN SAID, WILL ENTAIL REEDUCATION AND  
MAINLAND DIRECTION OF TURKISH CYPRIOT BUREAUCRACY IN  
EVERY SPHERE WITH CONTROL CENTRALIZED IN TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE BOARD WITHIN TURKISH EMBASSY. AS HE HAD IN  
EARLIER CONVERSATION (REFTEL), INHAN ENVISAGED THIS AS  
A MULTI-YEAR EFFORT. SIGNIFICANTLY, HE REFERRED TO NEED  
FOR COMPLETE REOWRKing OF LAWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
REGULATIONS WITHIN TURKISH ZONE TO ELIMINATE "ANGLO-  
SAXON INFLUENCE" PREVAILING ON GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE AND  
BRING THEM INTO CONFORMITY WITH TURKISH SYSTEM BASED  
ON CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN MODELS. END COMMENT.  
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